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"SIGNS AND WONDERS"

As we approach the season of Lent, our prayer team is hard at work planning a prayer walk for each of us to participate in during this season. They will be coming forward in the latter part of February with a date for the Walk. I am very excited about this opportunity for each of us to experience prayer and discernment during what can often be an awkward season. We are not confused about where Lent leads - to Easter - but often we are unsure about how best to follow its path. Ash Wednesday sneaks up on us or seems to be forever away depending on which date Easter falls on that particular year.

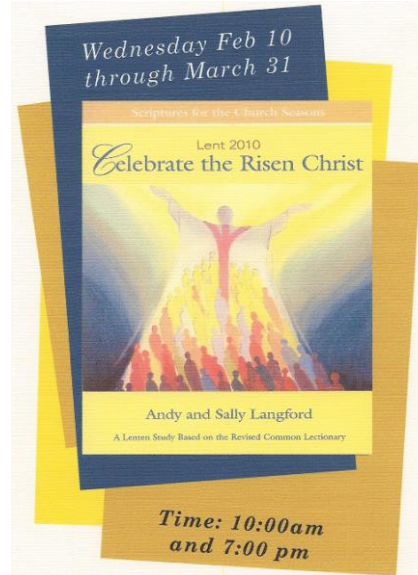
Some of us travel the season of Lent gathering up pieces of scripture along the way and then make the final festive leap straight from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, bypassing Holy Week's difficult and tragic turns. Others of us move more slowly, guided by daily prayers, missing not one single Holy Week experience toward the cross - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday, as brutal as they are for all who dare to love Jesus.

The good news for us is that no particular Lenten journey is more perfect or right for another. Our journey to Easter is ours and no one else's. Pamela C. Hawkins states that "no other person can travel there for us, nor can we for them; and yet we all will end up at the same destination - Easter morning outside the walls of Jerusalem!" We can also count on one other truth that will become clear when the dust settles: we all will find ourselves at a different place than where we began.

I pray you will experience as many of the worship and prayer experiences as you are able during this season. Let's help each other adjust our lives a little or a lot to follow Jesus through the ups and downs, the deserts and roads of Lent.

I am with you always, Sharon

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY



Come join Pastor Sharon for NMV's Lenten Bible study. Using "Celebrate the Risen Christ," we will be challenged to follow Jesus and his disciples to Jerusalem and the sites of Jesus' death and resurrection. We will journey out of our ordinary lives into a wilderness of spirituality and ultimately toward abundant and

everlasting life. The whole of Scripture encourages us to engage in such a journey and to celebrate new life offering through the risen Christ.

"Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!" (Isaiah 2:5)

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER & ENTERTAINMENT

February 16 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Sponsored by the NMV Small Group

You are invited to feast with New Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper with Entertainment

Date: 2/16/2010
Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm

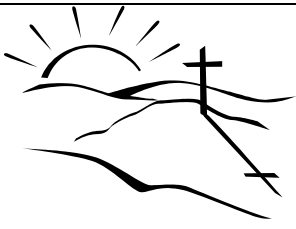
Feast on pancakes while enjoying musical entertainment from our own decorated Mardi Gras float. Enjoy the Mardi Gras decorations, beads and masks before our 40 day Lenten journey.

\$5.00 per person

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the shiving (shuffling) that English Christians were expected to do prior to receiving absolution immediately before Lent began.

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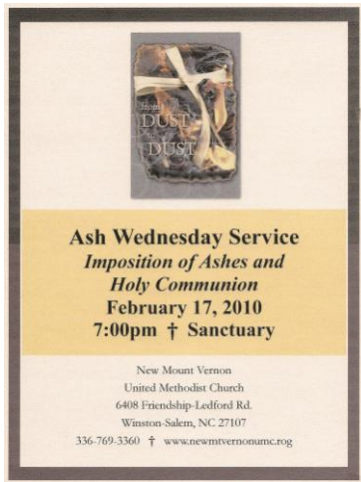
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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 17 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion



REMINDER

Newsletter articles and information are due the 15th of the preceding month. Bulletin announcements are due no later than noon Tuesday before the Sunday to be included in current Sunday's bulletin.

Stay informed while helping to reduce costs! Help us continue to reduce the cost of our printing our newsletter by signing up to receive it via email. Please turn in your name and email address to the church office.

WE UPHOLD THE CHURCH

Prayer Concerns and Praises (Family Altar)

Our Church and Its Ministries Sue & Raleigh Addair, Shirley Addington, Garrett Anderson, Addison Biesecker, Shaun Bledsoe, Ann Booth, Georgia Burton, Mary Chambers, Suzette Charles, Carlos Childress, Maxine Delcambre, Johnnie Dulin, Brady Lee Dunford, Patricia Fairchild, Cindy Hastings, Kay Holland, Brian Huffman, Lois McGee, Emory Johnson, Ron Johnson, Max Jones, Pam

Lambert, Tammy Lambeth, Nash Family, Jake & Maureen Orbock, Rob Paul, Kitty Presley, Dovie Preston, Barbara Roberts, David Roberts, Barbara Stark, Kathy Stark, Cindy Tucker, Donna Yokeley, Harriet Yokeley, Thelma Yokeley, **all disaster victims**, leaders of our country, our police officers, our troops, and the unemployed.

Our Missionaries-Nicola Appelbe, Russia; **Shut-ins**: Eddie Anderson, Rev. Giles Bowman, Sr., Vernon Collins, Virginia Craven, Jack Eller, Margaret Hawks, Mary Spurgeon, Catherine Thomas, Betty Vile.***Please pray for our prayer concerns daily and let Sharon know if you or someone you love has a prayer concern **or a name needs to be added or removed.*****

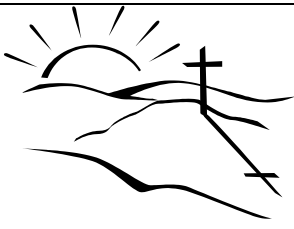
FLOWERS FOR GOD'S ALTAR

- 02-07 In memory of Junior Holiday by Brent & Katie Morgan
- 02-14 In memory of John & Myrtle Sink by Harold, Bobbie, and Kerry Lawrence
- 02-21 In honor of our Anniversary by Paul & Xenia Ferris
- 02-28 In memory of Harvey and Mae Ruark by Howard and Barbara Ruark
- 03-07 In honor of Ollie Taylor's Birthday by James & Renee
- 03-14 in honor of Barbara & Howard Ruark's Anniversary
- 03-21 In honor of Teresa Wright's 40th Birthday by James & Joshua
- 03-28 In memory of Wayne & Donald Yokeley

BY OUR PRESENCE:

Worship Service Attendance

December 20, 2009	70
December 27, 2009	88
January 3, 2010	78
January 10, 2010	87
January 17, 2010	90



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BY OUR GIFTS:

Stewardship Nuggets

Measurable Goals and Realistic Plans

"I [God] did not intend my creatures to make themselves servants and slaves to the world's pleasures...They owe their first love to me. Everything else they should love and possess, as I told you, not as if they owned it but as something lent them." Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), *The Dialogue*



Going Green

New Mount Vernon has taken a step in going green and giving back to God all that has been provided by God. NMV has begun to recycle all plastic bottles that are used by its various groups during meetings and its various events. A large lined trash can with a "recycle plastic bottles" sign has been placed in the kitchen next to the side by side refrigerator. Please see that any plastic bottles are placed in this lined can. This lined can is for plastic bottles used by NMV's ministries only. The Church is not able to handle the recycling of our church members.

Financial Stewardship

Year to Date 12/31/2009

Total Revenues \$146,959

Total Expenses \$143,952

Weekly Offerings

December 20, 2009	\$1,237
December 27, 2009	\$3,837
January 3, 2010	\$4,331
January 10, 2010	\$2,573
January 17, 2010	\$2,101

Special Contributions and Offerings:

Human Relations Day Special Offering - \$150

YTD Haitian Relief Offering - \$270

BY OUR SERVICE:

ACOLYTES/FEBRUARY

02-07 Kailyn Porter
 02-14 Boy Scouts
 02-21 Caleb Morgan
 02-28 Lane Johnson

ACOLYTES/MARCH

03-07 Joshua Wright
 03-14 Girl Scouts
 03-21 Haley Yokeley
 03-28 Sarah Collins

USHERS/FEBRUARY

Lead Ushers: John Wagoner
 And Dean Yokeley
 Youth Usher Month
 2/14 Boy Scouts

USHERS/MARCH

Harold Lawrence
 Miranda Bowers
 Renee Taylor
 Danny Teague
 3/14 Girl Scouts

LAY READERS/FEBRUARY

02-07 Steve Roberts
 02-14 Boy Scouts
 02-21 Jewel Amos
 02-28 Barbara Ruark

LAY READERS/MARCH

03-07 Ralph Amos
 03-14 Girl Scouts
 03-21 Danny Teague
 03-28 Youth

NURSERY SCHEDULE - IN WORSHIP—up to 3 yrs old

2-07 Tina Snider & Britni Atkinson
 2-14 Sharon Wagoner
 2-21 Dean & Marcia Yokeley
 2-28 Katie Morgan & Charlotte Collins
 3-07 Howard & Barbara Ruark
 3-14 Mary Roberts
 3-21 Cindy & Miranda Bowers
 3-28 Dean & Marcia Yokeley

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

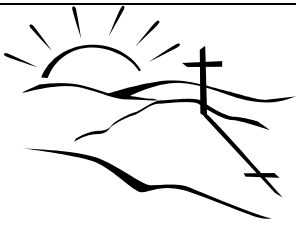
PRESCHOOL TO 2ND GRADE

2-07 Cindy Bowers & Miranda Bowers
 2-14 Sheila Atkinson & Betty Mock
 2-21 Kelly Porter & Emily Collins
 2-28 **Open**
 3-07 Teresa Wright & Tina Snider
 3-14 Howard & Barbara Ruark
 3-21 Xenia Ferris
 3-28 **Open**



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®



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KIDZONE LEADERS

- 2-07 Donna & Gary Smith
- 2-14 No Meeting
- 2-21 Cindy & Danny Bowers
- 2-28 Donna Smith & Martha Darnell
- 3-07 Xenia & Paul Ferris
- 3-14 Pastor Sharon & Katie Morgan
- 3-21 Donna & Gary Smith
- 3-28 Betty Mock & Tina Snider

MISSIONS

Our ongoing missions at New Mount Vernon are: **Sugar** for the Crisis Ministry, and our mission fund for the **Home Mission/Visitation Committee** for our shut-ins.



Missionary Nicola Applebee
Wednesday, February 3rd
after Spaghetti Supper



Join Nicola Appelbe in the sanctuary at 7:00pm to talk to her about her mission work. For additional information see Nicola's blog and newsletter:
<http://www.nicolaappelbe.com>

CAMPBELL'S Labels for EducationSM

Don't forget to collect your **UPC Labels** from qualifying Campbell Soup Products. These Labels for Education support the **Red Bird Missionary Conference** and are vital to providing free educational equipment to Red Bird Mission and other schools in exchange for proofs of purchase from the Campbell family of brands. It's a fun, easy program where students, families and members of the community work together for a common goal.

FAMILY SHELTER MEAL SPONSORS

(3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH)

February 15 - Taylors & Cooleys

March 15 - Small Group

Please take the sugar boxes when you go and bring them back empty! Call 248-5930 on Saturday or Sunday (closed from 10-1pm on Sunday) to determine the number of people to serve.

BY OUR WITNESS:

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The winter meal started January off with 18 present. I believe everyone enjoyed trying all the different pots of chili. Sharon had a great reading as written by an 8 year old. Jewel had thoughts from the prayer calendar and the response magazine. Both the Prayer calendar and the response magazine are used at each and every meeting. Sharon sent 5 cards and there were several persons to be remembered on our prayer list.



We will provide desserts for the February Spaghetti Supper on February 3. Our meeting will be on February 9 with the Hostesses being Donna Smith, Donna Yokeley and Barb Stark. We need to remember to bring sugar every month for the pantry at Crisis Ministries. They prefer 2 lb bags so as not to be so heavy for those who must walk to get their food.

We need to also remember to save soup labels and chicken stock labels for the Red Bird mission. Give these to Betty Mock. Both of these mission works are on-going and let us not forget them. Also, save your empty medicine containers and put them in the box in the Fellowship hall.

We will have a soup luncheon at 11:45 am on Sunday, February 21. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Mark your calendar and stay for lunch.

Bobbie Lawrence